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By this Amendment claim 1 has been amended to effectively incorporate the features of claims 4-10 (now canceled), claims 11-23 have been canceled, and new claim 24 has been added to define the recess 2 in the first fixation portion 3. Entry is requested.

The undersigned would like to thank the examiner, Matthew Lawson, and his supervisor, Thomas Barrett, for their courtesy in granting the interview which took place at the Patent Office on August 5, 2010. At this interview the issue of obviousness of the presented claims in view of Branemark and Wolf was thoroughly discussed, and the undersigned asserted that the feature defined in claim 10 would not be obvious from these references. While no agreement was reached on this point, the examiners stated that they would consider it upon receipt of a written response. The examiners also commented that the applicants' employment of features 10, 11 and 2 on the inventive anchoring element was interesting. No agreement regarding allowable claims was reached.

By this Amendment claim 1 has been amended to effectively include the features of claims 4-10 and to include recitation of recess 9 and edge 10. It is submitted that Branemark does not disclose or suggest an anchoring element wherein the outer surface of segment 1' and valleys of the threads 4' and 5' lie on an imaginary surface of a truncated cone, nor does it disclose using a transverse recess defining a cutting edge in the threads 4' at the segment 1'. And nothing in Wolf would teach these features.

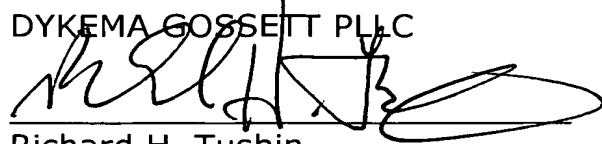
It is submitted that claims 1 and 24 define allowable subject matter.

A prompt passage to issuance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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